



Meeting : Dementia Friendly Congleton Group 19th Meeting

Date : Wednesday 20th November 2019 **Time:** 2.00pm

Location: Congleton Town Hall.

In attendance:- Mike Smith, Diane Ritherdon, Adriana Jaracz, Anna Bignell, Chris Daly, Clare Sheard, J.MacArthur, Mike Drew, David Morris, Wendy Townley

Guest:

Item	Agenda Item / discussion	Action / comment
1	<p><u>Welcome & Apologies</u></p> <p>Meeting was chaired by D.Ritherdon</p> <p>Round robin to introduce new members and guests.</p>	<p>Apologies were received from S.Munro, B.Morley S.Foster, H.Williams S.Iken , S.Rickard</p>
2.	<p><u>Minutes / Matters Arising from the last meeting (17.9.19)</u></p> <p><i>The minutes were accepted as a true and correct record of the last meeting.</i></p> <p>Item 2. Churches Together Criteria. Clare and Chris are working together to develop a plan to make our churches more dementia friendly. They have drawn up a list of important aspects and planning to hold a conference at New Life Church on Saturday Sept 19th. September is World Alzheimer’s Month.</p> <p>They have contact with a couple of charities who can support this training. One being Louise Mores of the Pilgrims’ Friend Society. Louise worked on a book with Jennifer Bute (<i>Dementia From The Inside</i>) a doctor living</p>	

	<p>with dementia. 3 seminars planned for the day which should leave us with plans and ideas of what we need to do for our churches and care homes.</p> <p>The seminars will be free of charge, donations will be welcome. Rev Murray George has offered his support in the project, Chris to contact our care homes. Anna to send copy of Cheshire East Care directory to help Chris in contacting them.</p> <p>MS to contact Cllr Sally Holland for a Town council point of view.</p> <p>There is money already in the budget to support this activity.</p> <p>Item 2. S.Jacklin – Chance to Dance at Heathview – Wendy to see if Albert Wilson will do one in the new year.</p> <p>Item 4. Business sticker presentation night. Went well, good PR in The Chronicle. Audits ongoing, discussing future plans next week (w/c 25.11.19)</p>	<p>A.Bignell send CEBC Care directory</p> <p>MS contact Sally Holland</p> <p>Wendy Townley contact Albert Wilson.</p>
3.	<p>University of Manchester. Diane reported an opportunity for someone to come from the research department to come and talk to us about work they are doing around recognising dementia in people. It was agreed to invite someone along to talk to us at our January meeting.</p> <p>The Rare Dementia Group from Salford may also be worth having along to speak to us, Chris to make contact with them.</p>	<p>DR to organise</p> <p>C.Daly to contact them.</p>
4.	<p><u>Cheshire East Dementia Strategy Group.</u></p> <p>Diane advised the group that Cheshire East, through Val Burlison and Jo Cliffe are working with various groups and individuals to work on developing a dementia strategy for Cheshire East as a whole. A steering group is being set up on which we will be playing a part. This appears to have stalled a little at the moment.</p> <p>A survey will be circulated to get views, Diane to visit Kath Reader at Alsager to see what they are doing and a subgroup involving Alsager, Sandbach, Congleton and Poynton is being set up.</p> <p>More information as this progresses.</p>	

5.	<p>Local Activity Leaflet.</p> <p>The new autumn leaflet was produced in time for The Community Wellbeing Fayre 1st October.</p> <p>This edition included a list of the businesses that were awarded their working towards becoming dementia friendly.</p> <p>Sarah and Anna would like to hear of any Xmas Community Events so that they can list them on their activity report.</p> <p>Margaret at Bromley Farm is desperate for some new volunteer, please raise this with anyone you feel may be able to help. Diane could also do with some more support at Wild and Wild game mornings.</p> <p>MS to work on getting information for the Jan to Mar Winter Issue.</p>	<p>MS work on winter edition.</p>
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6.	<p>Dementia Buddy Scheme</p> <p>Still a little disappointing with take up in the low teens. Will keep working at it. Suggestion that we have “dummy” items for use at Dementia Friends Sessions (Diane to order one for herself, other champions free to do so).</p> <p>Another suggestion was that we should add the Christian name of the person likely to take the phone call, this would make it more personal and less intimidating.</p> <p>Herbert Protocol.</p> <p>Put this out on social media in January as a refresher.</p>	<p>Diane order a dummy wristband.</p>
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7.	<p>Press and Publicity.</p> <p>Diane to carry on with the usual Chronicle reports, including Xmas events.</p>	
8.	<p>A.O.B</p>	

	<p>Library. 18th Dec Signing activity 10.30am, free event with tea, coffee and cake. Donations welcome. Programme for the new year to follow.</p> <p>Dementia Ward Macclesfield Hospital. MS try and find out more about it.</p> <p>Heathview. 1.45pm to 2.45pm Chair Exercise Club £2, 3pm to 4pm Signing, free session. Both open to the general public.</p> <p>Astbury Mere Care Home. 1st December Xmas light switch on open to all. Now Parkinson Drop In Café last Friday of the month.</p>	<p>MS check out new ward.</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Meeting finished at 3.45pm</p> <p>Next Meeting :- Tuesday 21st January 2020 - 2pm to 4pm.</p>	

